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SUBJECT: READ OUT ON SEPTEMBER 27 CORE FOUR MEETING IN SAN JOSE

1. **SECRET** ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO PAZ BARNICA, CORE FOUR CONSULTATIONS ON CONTADORA STRATEGY IN SAN JOSE SEPTEMBER 27 WENT WELL. DRAFT CENTRAL AMERICAN/EEC DECLARATION LOOKS PRETTY GOOD TO HIM. MEXICO AND COLOMBIA CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR IMMEDIATE SIGNING OF ACTA. PAZ AWAITS WORD FROM SALVADORANS ON POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN DUARTE AND SUAZO ON OCTOBER 3. END SUMMARY.

3. ACCORDING TO PAZ BARNICA, CORE FOUR MEETINGS IN SAN JOSE ON CONTADORA STRATEGY WENT WELL WITH GROUP AGREEING THAT "NEW PHASE" OF NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BEGIN ON OCTOBER 15. EACH COUNTRY PLANS TO SUBMIT ITS OWN OBSERVATIONS. COSTA RICA WAS STILL HOLDING OUT FOR QUICK NEGOTIATIONS IN THE HOPE OF REACHING AGREEMENT BEFORE NICARAGUAN ELECTIONS BUT WAS NO LONGER INSISTING ON A DEADLINE FOR ENDING NEGOTIATIONS. PAZ SAID GUATEMALANS PLANNED TO COMMENT ONLY ON POLITICAL PROVISIONS OF THE ACT BECAUSE, AS ANDRADE REPORTEDLY SAID AT MEETING, GUATEMALA HAS NO INTEREST IN SECURITY PROVISIONS BECAUSE IT RECEIVES NO FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND IS NOT THE LOCATION OF ANY MILITARY EXERCISES. PAZ POINTED OUT TO ANDRADE THAT GUATEMALA NONETHELESS SUFFERED FROM EXTERNALLY SUPPORTED SUBVERSION. PAZ PRaised PRESIDENT REAGAN'S LETTER AS VERY HELPFUL TO THE DISCUSSIONS. OVERALL, HE CHARACTERIZED CORE FOUR MEETING AS "VERY HEALTHY." HE SAID IT WAS QUITE CLEAR THAT OTHER FONMINOS HAD NOT FULLY READ THE ACTA AND WERE QUITE SURPRISED (ESPECIALLY GUTIERREZ) AT SOME OF THE PITFALLS POINTED OUT BY GOH EXPERTS.

4. PAZ SAID THAT BASED ON HIS CONTACTS IN SAN JOSE, THUS FAR IT IS CLEAR THAT COLOMBIANS TAKING IDENTICAL POSITION TO MEXICANS. "THEY WANT THE ACTA SIGNED RIGHT NOW."

5. ON EUROPEAN MEETING, PAZ SAID DRAFT STATEMENT WAS PRETTY GOOD. CONTADORA HAD TRIED TO INTRODUCE FIVE PARAGRAPHS EXPLICITLY REFERREING TO ACTA BUT APPARENTLY THIS WAS FENDED OFF BY EUROPEANS THEMSELVES.

6. ON HONDURAS/SALVADOR BORDER, PAZ SAID TENORIO DID
NOT SEEM TO BE FULLY BRIEFED ON VICE FOREIGN MINISTER ACEVEDÓ'S MEETINGS IN TEGUCIGALPA AND IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF ACEVEDÓ COULD CALL TENORIO IN SAN JOSE. PAZ SAID HE AND PRESIDENT SUAZO WERE READY FOR AN OCTOBER 3 MEETING AT LA PAZ PROVIDED GOES AGREEABLE TO PROCEDURE OF DESIGNATING PERSONAL NEGOTIATORS ALONG LINES ACEVEDÓ DISCUSSED WHILE IN TEGUCIGALPA.

7. FOREGOING INFORMATION BASED ON TELEPHONE CALL FROM PAZ EARNICA TO AMBASSADOR EARLY MORNING SEPTEMBER 28.
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